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[on the report of the Second Committee (A/45/848)]

45/188. Entrepreneurship

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 1/ and taking note of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 2/

Recalling also its resolution 41/182 of 8 December 1986 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/74 of 29 July 1988, and taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on national entrepreneurs in economic development, 3/

Recognizing that there is no universal prescription for successful development, that each country is responsible for its own economic policies in accordance with its specific situation and conditions and that the promotion of growth and development depends on appropriate domestic economic policies that take into account specific national circumstances and requirements,

1/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

2/ See A/CONF.147/Misc.9.

3/ A/45/292-E/1990/82.

Acknowledging the importance of effective, efficient and accountable governance in all countries for setting and implementing national goals in the economic and social spheres,

Acknowledging also the need for an effective and efficient public sector in, inter alia, establishing or improving conditions favourable to private initiative, including sound infrastructure, appropriate policies for the development of human resources, including the expertise and capabilities of the business community, basic health care and the protection of vulnerable groups within society, where appropriate, with the support of the international community,

Recognizing the responsibility of the international community, in particular the developed countries, to promote and endeavour to provide an equitable and open international economic environment supportive of the development of developing countries,

Reaffirming that flexibility, creativity, innovation, political and economic openness, respect for human rights and market-oriented approaches, inter alia, provide opportunities to people to enable them to develop their potential in responding to change,

Acknowledging the important role of entrepreneurship, notably in small and medium-sized enterprises, in mobilizing resources and in promoting economic growth and socio-economic development,

Calling for international support for specific programmes for private enterprise development in the least developed countries, which should address, inter alia, the promotion of domestic and foreign direct investment, management training, promotion of small-scale ventures and micro-enterprises and the development of entrepreneurial skills, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

Cognizant of the importance of entrepreneurship in the growth and development of countries - especially those seeking to develop or revitalize their economies through free enterprise, decentralized decision-making, deregulation, demonopolization of economic activities, simplification of administrative procedures, market opportunities, structural adjustment and market-oriented reform - and of the need to provide the incentives, access to information and new technology and environment necessary to enable the spirit of entrepreneurship and competition to prosper,

Noting that higher domestic savings and inflows of capital, including new investment and the return of flight capital, depend, inter alia, upon sound micro- and macro-economic policies supportive of entrepreneurship,

Recognizing that public enterprises, in appropriate conditions, can help promote and can engage in the development of entrepreneurship,

Welcoming the contribution which the United Nations system makes in helping Member States promote entrepreneurship, including foreign direct investment, and encouraging the active participation of private enterprise, where appropriate,

1. Encourages the development of entrepreneurship in all countries, including those seeking to develop or revitalize their economies through free enterprise and market opportunities, and urges the international community, in particular the international financial institutions and the United Nations system, to support their efforts, as appropriate;
2. Agrees that entrepreneurship, especially in the context of a fair, competitive economy, supportive government policies and an equitable and open international economic environment, contributes to a more efficient world economy and enhances the internationalization of trading markets and financial flows to the benefit of all;
3. Encourages Member States, in accordance with their national policy objectives, to enhance their institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks to ensure greater consistency with market approaches, to make their capital and credit markets more efficient, to foster the expertise and capabilities of the business community and to provide, inter alia, for sound private sector development and its positive benefits for employment opportunities and national wealth;
4. Calls upon Member States to facilitate, consistent with their national laws, the development of co-operation between domestic and foreign enterprises, particularly through contracting, business co-operation and joint ventures, which, inter alia, will facilitate market access and the transfer of technology;
5. Looks forward to the outcome of further deliberations of the Development Committee of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and the regional development banks on the issue of strengthening measures across the entire range of operations of the World Bank Group to promote entrepreneurship, including the mobilization of domestic and foreign private capital;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to incorporate in subsequent issues of the World Economic Survey a chapter regarding the role of entrepreneurship as a key element of growth and development and on measures being taken at the national and international levels to promote entrepreneurship, especially in countries seeking to develop or revitalize their economies through free enterprise, decentralized decision-making, market opportunities, structural adjustment and market-oriented reform, as well as suggestions on how the international economic community can support the development of entrepreneurship in national economies;
7. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his annual report on operational activities for development, submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, a section on the activities being undertaken by the United Nations system to promote entrepreneurship in economic development, notably in small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as proposals for enhancing the role of entrepreneurship in the development process, in particular in developing countries;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session a sub-item entitled "Entrepreneurship" under the agenda item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation" and to include the sub-item in subsequent agendas on a biennial basis.

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45/189. World Decade for Cultural Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period of 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development,

Taking into account its resolution 44/238 of 22 December 1989, in which it expressed its support for the conduct of an evaluation at the mid-point of the World Decade for Cultural Development, in 1993, under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in order to evaluate the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade,

Taking into account paragraph 87 of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 1/ in which it was stated, inter alia, that each country has to choose its approach to human resource and institutional development in accordance with its national priorities, values, traditions and culture and stage of development,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/88 of 27 July 1990,

Welcoming the progress made by Member States, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and international non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development, 2/

1/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

2/ E/1986/L.30, annex.

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development; 3/
2. Reaffirms its support for a mid-term review to assess the progress made in implementing the Plan of Action for the Decade and to make proposals to further strengthen activities in this area, taking into account the changing circumstances and the new realities in the international community;
3. Invites the regional commissions, in consultation with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to carry out, within existing resources, an evaluation of the cultural factors influencing the development of the cultural sector as a potential creator of jobs and generator of income, for consideration in the context of the mid-term review of the Decade, in 1993;
4. Recommends that the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system consider including activities relating to the Decade in the programme for the biennium 1992-1993, and requests them to co-ordinate those activities;
5. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to include specific proposals on the modalities of a mid-term review, taking into account the views of Governments, in the second biennial report on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council;
6. Decides to include, on a biennial basis in its provisional agenda for subsequent sessions, a sub-item entitled "World Decade for Cultural Development" under the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation".

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45/190. International co-operation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

The General Assembly,

Expressing profound concern about the ongoing effects on people's lives and health of the disaster at Chernobyl, which had serious national and international consequences of unprecedented scale,

Especially concerned about the state of health of the children who suffered and continue to suffer from the effects of increased radiation and who may suffer from possible long-term effects of radiation,

Taking into account the provisions of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s adopted by the World Summit for Children, held in New York on 29 and 30 September 1990, 1/ which, inter alia, refer to the need for concrete measures to be taken at the national and international levels for children in especially difficult circumstances, including victims of man-made disasters who have been exposed to radiation,

Taking into account also the need to continue taking comprehensive measures to study, address and mitigate the consequences of the accident, especially measures

1/ A/45/625, annex.

to protect against radiation and to safeguard the health of the population, including, as appropriate, resettling the population in uncontaminated areas, improving the environment in the contaminated areas and preventing further possible transboundary radioactive effects,

Increasingly aware of the need to improve the co-ordination of ongoing international efforts to study and minimize the radiological and other consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl,

Stressing the importance of public education and communication in addressing the concerns of the population of the contaminated areas regarding the effects of man-made radiation, including its long-term effects,

Recalling its resolution 44/224 of 22 December 1989, in which it, inter alia, recognized the need to strengthen international co-operation in rendering assistance in cases of environmental emergency,

Taking note with satisfaction of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/50 of 13 July 1990 on international co-operation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant,

Taking into account the efforts made by the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system to study, mitigate and minimize the radiological, socio-economic and other consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl,

Welcoming the growing international solidarity with the victims of Chernobyl, especially the children, as well as the willingness on the part of Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals to increase medical, food and other humanitarian assistance for the rehabilitation of the affected population,

Recognizing the particular importance of completing the international independent assessment of the radiological consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, co-ordinated by the International Atomic Energy Agency,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and invites him, in the light of the findings contained in that report and other relevant reports and in consultation with the agencies concerned, to continue to take appropriate measures to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, in particular to support efforts made within the United Nations system by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Inter-Agency Committee for the Response to Nuclear Accidents to harmonize, strengthen and co-ordinate international projects aimed at mitigating the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl, and to consider, inter alia, opportunities to:

(a) Formulate a programme for co-ordinating the activities to be carried out by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system involved in efforts to address and mitigate the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl;

(b) Entrust one of the Under-Secretaries-General with the task of co-ordination;

(c) Set up a task force responsible for stimulating and monitoring the activities of the United Nations system in this field;

(d) Appeal for voluntary contributions to complement the regular budgetary resources used by United Nations organs and agencies for the implementation of activities aimed at mitigating the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl;

2. Requests the organs, specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, in considering possible technical and other special assistance for the areas most affected, particularly in the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, to bear in mind the unprecedented nature of the radiological and environmental disaster and of the emergency situation in those areas resulting from the long-term effects of man-made radiation on present and future generations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled "International co-operation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl";

5. Makes an urgent appeal to all States members of the international community, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals to continue to provide all appropriate support and assistance to the areas most affected by the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, in full co-ordination and co-operation with envisaged or planned efforts of the United Nations system.

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